



MINUTES

EXECUTIVE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 20, 2019 | 11:10 a.m. | 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson, Senate Chair
Rep. Bradley G. Last, House Chair
Sen. Don L. Ipson, Senate Vice Chair
Rep. Jefferson Moss, House Vice Chair
President J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Daniel Hemmert
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Derek L. Kitchen
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Ann Millner
Sen. Evan J. Vickers
Rep. Francis D. Gibson

Rep. Brian S. King
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. Angela Romero
Rep. Mike Schultz
Speaker Brad R. Wilson

Members Absent:

Rep. Karen Kwan

Staff Present:

Mr. Steven M. Allred, Deputy Fiscal Analyst
Mr. Jonathan Ball, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Greta G. Rodebush, Executive Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1 . Call to Order/Approval of Minutes

Chair Bradley G. Last called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson moved to approve the minutes of May 14, 2019. The motion passed with a vote of 16 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-16

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. F. Gibson
Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. B. King
Sen. D. Kitchen
Rep. B. Last
Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Romero
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers
Rep. B. Wilson

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. D. Hemmert
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. M. Schultz

2 . Federal/Non-federal Grants

Mr. Ken Matthews, Federal Funds Manager, Governor's Office of Management and Budget, presented the report. Mr. Alex Wilson, Financial Analyst, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), provided assistance.

[2-Federal/Non-federal Grants Packet, August 2019](#)

MOTION: Sen. Stevenson moved to recommend acceptance of the federal and non-federal grants as outlined on pages 1 and 2 of the handout entitled, "Federal/Non-Federal Grants Review and Approval" under the heading, "Grants Requiring EAC Review and Recommendation" and dated today August 20, 2019. The motion passed with a vote of 17 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-17

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. F. Gibson
Sen. D. Hemmert
Sen. D. Ipson
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. B. King
Sen. D. Kitchen
Rep. B. Last
Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Romero
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers
Rep. B. Wilson

Nays-0Absent-3

Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. M. Schultz

3 . Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow-up Report

Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Finance Manager, LFA, gave an overview of the Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow-up Report.

[3a-Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow-up Report, August 2019](#)

[3b-Status of 2018 Follow-up Report Recommendations](#)

Ms. Lence introduced each analyst reporting on a selected number of fiscal note and budget items.

Dr. Andrea Wilko, Chief Economist, LFA, reported on Inland Port Authority on page 10.

Mr. Tim Dinehart, Financial Analyst, LFA, reported on Tax Commission Economist on page 17.

Mr. Steven Allred, Deputy Fiscal Analyst, LFA, reported on Veteran First-Time Home Buyer Program on page 25.

Mr. Gary Syphus, Finance Manager, LFA, reported on H.B. 200 - Sexual Assault Kit Processing Amendments on page 27.

Chair Last asked a clarifying question about the one-time and ongoing funding for H.B. 200 - Sexual Assault Kit Processing Amendments. Mr. Syphus and Rep. Angela Romero responded.

Mr. Alex Wilson, Financial Analyst, LFA, reported on Victim Advocate on page 38.

Mr. Sean Faherty, Financial Analyst, LFA, reported on Barriers to Completion on page 41.

Rep. Brian S. King asked about election security as it relates to Voter Equipment on page 40. Mr. Wilson responded.

Mr. Chase Loftis, Financial Analyst, LFA, reported on H.B. 395 - Technology Innovation Amendments on page 50.

Chair Last inquired about the submission process for the technology innovation projects. Mr. Loftis responded.

Mr. Ben Leishman, Financial Manager, LFA, reported on Carson Smith Scholarship on page 67 and Statutory Increase for Carson Smith Scholarship on page 75.

President J. Stuart Adams asked about broadening the Carson Smith Scholarship to include other special needs students. Mr. Leishman responded.

Ms. Lence reported on Forensic Competency Restoration on page 83 and Restriction of Initial Prescriptions for Short Acting Opiates on page 90.

Sen. Stevenson asked committee members to remind their respective caucuses to look at the Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow-Up Report.

MOTION: Sen. Stevenson moved to request that appropriations subcommittees and the Executive Appropriations Committee review each item under their purview in the 2019 Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow-Up Report and consider taking recommended actions, including adjusting appropriations. The motion passed with a vote of 17 - 0 - 3.

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Rep. M. Schultz
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. B. Wilson

4 . Fiscal Health Check-up: Debt Update

Mr. Brian Wikle, Financial Analyst, LFA, gave an update on debt and debt service as shown on the Fiscal Health Dashboard. He also discussed the Issue Brief, "Debt and Debt Service Overview."

[4-Issue Brief - 2019 Interim - Debt and Debt Service Overview](#)

Rep. King asked clarifying questions about the recommendation to consider rescinding authorized but unused general obligation debt for prison construction. Mr. Wikle and Mr. Ball responded.

Chair Last indicated that the chairs would not be taking a motion on this issue.

5 . Homeless Resource Centers Update

Mr. Jonathan Hardy, Director, Housing and Community Development Division, Department of Workforce Services, presented the report. He was joined by Mr. Preston L. Cochrane, Executive Director, Shelter the Homeless.

[5a-Memorandum Re: Homeless Resource Centers Update](#)

[5b-Homeless Resource Center Transition Update July 26, 2019](#)

Rep. Romero and Sen. Kitchen asked about emergency shelter overflows. Mr. Hardy responded.

6 . Statewide Public Safety Intelligence Tool Update

Mr. Gary Syphus, Finance Manager, LFA, gave a brief introduction.

Mr. Jess Anderson, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety, gave an update on the Statewide Public Safety Intelligence Tool. He was joined by Mr. Ric Cantrell, Utah Attorney General's Office, and Mr. Jason Perry, University of Utah.

[6a-Memorandum Re: Statewide Public Safety Intelligence Tool Update](#)

[6b-DPS Handout - Project Introduction and Status Update](#)

The presenters responded to questions from the committee.

7 . Davis County Council of Governments Project Prioritization Process

Mr. Bob Stevenson, Commissioner, Davis County, reviewed Davis County's 0.25 percent "3rd Quarter" local option transportation sales tax process.

[7-Memorandum, Summary, and Weighted Criteria created by the Davis COG](#)

Rep. Mike Shultz asked if the evaluation criteria includes land use and economic development. Commissioner Stevenson responded.

MOTION: Rep. Gibson moved to put this item on next month's agenda and moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 16 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-16

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Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz
Sen. J. Stevenson
Rep. B. Wilson

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. D. Kitchen
Rep. K. Kwan
Sen. E. Vickers

Chair Last adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

8 . Other Business/Adjourn

A written report from the Tax Restructuring and Equalization Task Force regarding town hall meetings was included behind Tab 8.

[8-Tax Restructuring and Equalization Task Force - Listening Phase Report](#)

